

CITY OF KYLE

CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP

The governing body of the City of Kyle, Texas held a Workshop Meeting at 7:00 PM on October 14, 2014, at Kyle Public Works Building, 520 RR 150 E, Kyle, Texas for the purpose of discussing the following agenda with the following persons present:

Mayor Todd Webster
Mayor Pro Tem Hervol
Council Member Selbera
Council Member Swaton
Council Member Arabie
Council Member Wilson
James Earp, Interim City Manager
Ken Johnson, City Attorney
Connie Brooks, Library Director
Robert Olvera, IT

Jerry Kolacny

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Webster called the meeting to order at 7:10 P.M.

ROLL CALL:

Present were Mayor Webster, Mayor Pro Tem Hervol , Council Member Selbera, Council Member Swaton, Council Member Arabie and Council Member Wilson.

Council Member LeMense was absent.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Mayor Webster opened the citizen comment period at 7:11 p.m.. Jerry Kolacny spoke and stated he was not sure how Council was tackling this issue understood they were trying to consolidate the committees and ordinances but that he would like to see them keep the committees as broad based by the different types of people in the community rather than allow these committees to be loaded up of certain persuasion or particular interest and that they should also live in the city limits and pay taxes. With no one else wishing to speak Mayor Webster closed the citizen's comment period at 7:13 p.m.

CONSIDER AND POSSIBLE ACTION

DISCUSSION ON MATTERS PERTAINING TO CITY COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES AND BOARDS REGARDING STRUCTURE, SELECTION OF MEMBERS, PURPOSE, TERMS, RELEVANT ORDINANCES, AND

OTHER TOPICS RELATING TO SAID COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES AND BOARDS.

Mayor Webster stated that council and the liaison of the committee had been submitting names for appointments and that there was a large number of applications so that these were some of the issues for discussion.

CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP

October 14, 2014 ~ Page 2

Kyle City Hall

Mayor Webster stated he wanted to make sure the people he presented for appointments were people he had spoken with, were well intentioned and had work ethic, with the goal being balanced as stated by Mr. Kolacny. He stated there was a process on appointments but it was not working, and that nominations were submitted as his nomination and he knew nothing about it, but that he understood because it was done out of necessity to make sure the appointments were being made. Mayor Webster stated that council wasn't dealing with the committees consistently, the provisions that require that each committee, or the provisions in the ordinance that require the distribution that essentially requires him to look at a district map to see where an applicant lived functionally did not make sense. He stated there was ordinance upon ordinance and saw an opportunity to provide a structured process for these committees. He stated he wasn't sure if people realized what had happened over time when established committees view an ordinance verses a resolution or some other mechanism for establishing them. He stated when you give a committee a charge in the ordinance they are essentially delegating legislative power to a committee, so there isn't any restriction on any committee regarding number of meetings or staff time, and so what has happened legislative power has been removed from council and given to people who were not elected that should be playing an advisory roll. Mayor Webster stated another concern for him was putting members of council as a committee liaison and then not allowing them to engage as an equal member of the committee was something he disagreed with and that they should be full fledged members of the committee, and not limited to one council member. He stated that there were too many committees and thought there were 21, and in his view committees should be for a specific purpose, act as an advisory to council, providing information so that council to make sound decisions.

There was discussion on the different ordinances for different committees regarding terms with some being 2 years and the long range planning committee being 5 years with 2 terms. He stated maybe changing terms to 3 years and instead of all terms ending at the same time they could identify whatever committee have appointments every quarter and making appointments four times a year and not all at once.

Council Member Selbera stated that they should consolidate all of the ordinances in one and that the expiration of terms now was confusing. She stated that the application form itself needed updating and council needed to keep up with the applications.

Discussion on some of the qualifications mentioned included being registered voters in the City of Kyle, and live inside the city limits. It was decided that being a registered voter was not a good requirement to have but that regarding residency

they should be held to the same standards as the council. The yearly cycle of appointments should be included in the ordinance with a resolution designating the cycles.

Council Member Arabie stated that how committees are formed and appointing people should be a stand alone ordinance. He stated the second thing being discussed seemed to be a rule change, how the committees would be based and how to bring people into the committees instead of placing someone on a committee so that should also be a separate ordinance for each committee for their charge.

Council Member Wilson stated he had been approached by citizens stating that they had applied to be on committees but had never been contacted and he felt that they needed to do a better job in reaching out to the applicants.

CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP

October 14, 2014 ~ Page 3

Kyle City Hall

Council Member Selbera stated that she like the idea of having members from across the city serve on committees and not necessarily from a specific districts, with Mayor Webster adding with the idea aimed at diversity

Mayor Webster stated that it would be up to the Council taking up the confirmation role seriously. He stated that by making it 5 votes for confirmation it would make it easier and he was advocating for more restrictions on his nominations with more consensus and more diversity.

After discussion the City Attorney was directed to work on an ordinance regarding structure, selection of members, purpose, terms and relevant ordinances for commissions, committees and boards. and bring it back to Council for further direction.

Discussion only. No action taken.

ADJOURN

With no further business to discuss

Mayor Pro Tem Hervol moves to adjourn. Council Member Swaton seconds the motion. All votes aye. Motion carried.

The City Council Workshop meeting adjourned at 10:22 P.M.

R. Todd Webster, Mayor

Amelia Sanchez, City Secretary